

THE GRAND HOWL

Cub Scout Pack 320 Newsletter

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MAY CALENDAR:

5/4@TBD- scouting for food@weis

5/5- Spring pack hike-Patapsco State Park

5/9@7p- Committee meeting

5/13@1830p- Last den meeting

5/14@730p- District round table

5/18@0630- Hampstead Day recruitment

5/19@1100-Memorial day flag placement

5/20@6:30p- Rank up ceremony

On 5/5, we will meet at Patapsco Valley Park for our spring hike. The park opens at 9 and the parking lot we are meeting at (6290 River Rd, Elkridge, Md, 21075) fills fast, it is highly recommended that you arrive at 9. We will start at 9:30. It is free to enter, but details are being worked out with the park service. Carpooling is suggested due to limited parking. Once in the park, you will pass the Orange Grove lot, use these bathrooms before going down to the lot for our trail. There is no water, make sure you pack it (a Cub Scout essential ☺). The hike is about 2.5 miles on mostly flat, paved terrain. There is a small section where it is not paved and you have to climb up on some hills and over some rocks, but all scouts should be able to do this. At the end we will come back to the parking lot and those that are ready to leave may. For those who would like to go more, there is a waterfall that is up a trail from the parking lot, the trail is a little steep and the rocks around the falls may be a little big for the smallest scouts, but it is a beautiful view and fun!

Leader Spotlight: Tom Swisher, Wolf Den Leader

Mr. Tom was born March 18, 1981 at GBMC in Baltimore and grew up in Finksburg. He started His scouting career in 2nd grade and continued on to Troop 395 at Sandymount UMC in Finksburg. He earned Eagle just before turning 18, his Eagle project was at the Carroll County Farm Museum, cleaning up the brick walkway and painting the gazebo on site. He went to Philmont twice; once in 1998 and then 2001, and hopes to go back with Everett one day. On the second trek, he watched the sunrise from the "Tooth of Time" that you can see from base camp.

Scouting Fun Fact:

Ever shop at Walmart? Haha, silly question, I know. Well, fun fact — the founder of Walmart, Sam Walton, was also an Eagle Scout! Pretty neat, right? But that's not all... At the time, in his home state of Missouri, Sam was recognized as the youngest Eagle — ever! He was only 13, in eighth grade, when he Eagled out! Later, Sam became quite wealthy and even received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award due to his charitable giving.



He graduated from Westminster HS in 1999 and went on to earn his bachelors in Business Information Systems at Villa Julie College in 2003. He's been working as a Network Engineer for the last 20 years with the same small consulting company that hired him when he graduated. Not only is he the tech support for the many customers he supports, but also for his own family and extended family.

His favorite movie by far is The Goonies and can just about quote that movie from start to finish, and annoy everyone that watches it with him. He enjoys visiting National Parks on family vacations. Most recently on a visit to the Grand Canyon, he hiked the Bright Angel Trail from the South Rim to the Colorado river, and spent the night camping below the rim at a Ranger Station along the trail. He also enjoys keeping busy with remodeling projects around the home, working outside in the yard, and tinkering with computers and home automation.

Thomas Swisher attains rank of Eagle Scout

Thomas W. Swisher of Finksburg, a member of Boy Scout Troop 395, received the Eagle Scout award April 30 at Sandy Mount United Methodist Church.

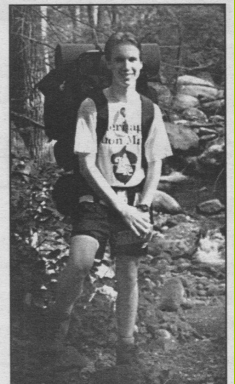
During the summer of 1998 he cleaned and painted a garden gazebo, repaired several sections of brick sidewalks, and pulled grass and weeds from the walkways at the Carroll County Farm Museum.

He chose this project because he "wanted to improve the appearance of the area at the farm museum that is used by the public for weddings and community events."

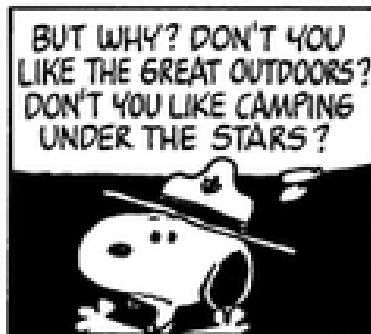
He has been involved in scouting for approximately 10 years.

A senior at Westminster High School, he is a member of the National Honor Society. He will enter Villa Julie College in the fall.

He is the son of Michael and Mary Swisher.



Submitted photo
Thomas W. Swisher participates in a hike during summer camp at Heritage Scout Camp.



TRAINING CORNER

5/4- Den Chief Training- Davidsonville "This training is for all scouts who either are or want to be Den Chiefs and for all Den Leaders who would like to have a Den Chief."

6/8-6/9, 6/15-6/16- BSA Lifeguard Training- Camp Saffron

6/15@9am- First Aid/ CPR training- contact Mr. Garrett

6/24@6pm- Stop the Bleed training- contact Mr. Garret

7/6, 7/13- 8am-5pm- Aquatics Supervision: Training for Adults

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Summer Pack Activities!

- 6/7-6/9– Family campout
- 6/13– Committee meeting
- 6/29– Pack picnic and rocket launch
- 7/2– Manchester Carnival Parade (tentative, date not confirmed yet)
- 7/11– Committee meeting
- 7/22– Pool party
- 8/5– Movie Night (location and time TBD)
- 8/8- Committee meeting
- 8/13– District Round Table
- 8/17– Cunningham Falls adventure
- 9/10- District Round Table
- 9/12- Committee meeting

Coffee is still available!
Reach out to your Den Leader about what varieties are still in stock!



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL



MEMORIAL SCOUT RESERVATION



2024 Spring Cub Family Weekend

MAY 18, 10 AM - MAY 19, 10 AM
open program all day Saturday
campfire in the evening

Saturday lunch, dinner, along with
Sunday breakfast are included

Program run by Broad Creek camp staff

Great time to experience Cub Resident Camp and show
your Scout friends how much fun it is!

Great for Pack Camping too
Back for 2024 - Swimming in the Pool!

**\$45 per Youth
\$25 per Adult**

Register online at:
www.baltimorebsa.org/CFW

Scan Here



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Boating	Slingshot	BB's
Archery	Fire Building	Campfire
Nature Hikes	Challenge Games	Cooking
Crafts	Songs and Skits	S.T.E.M.

Questions?
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Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation
Camp Saffran: 1929 Susquehanna Hall Rd, Whiteford, MD 21160



CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP



CARROLL COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

JUNE 17 - 21, 2024

Late registration 5/1-6/10

**CAMP
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"Boy! CAMPFIRE MANNERS ARE MORE FUN THAN TABLE MANNERS!"